What is claimed is:

1.   A method for designing filters that approximates the circularly symmetric frequency response achievable using a non-separable filter comprising:

(a) selecting a cut-off frequency and designing therefrom a 1-D low pass filter **LP** such that: $\mathbf{LP} = [X_{-n}, X_{-(n-1)}, \ldots X_0, \ldots X_{n-1}, X_n]$;

(b) obtaining a 2-D filter **LPP** by performing the operation: $\mathbf{LP^*} \times \mathbf{LP}$ wherein **LP*** is a column vector having the same entries as **LP** and **LPP** having dimensions given by: $\{2n+1, 2n+1\}$ and generating a 2-D countour plot therefor;

(c) designing a 1-D high pass filter **HP** such that: $\mathbf{HP} = [Y_{-m}, Y_{-(m-1)}, \ldots Y_0, \ldots Y_{m-1}, Y_m]$;

(d) obtaining a 2-D filter **HPP** by performing the operation: $\mathbf{HP^*} \times \mathbf{HP}$ wherein **HP*** is a column vector having the same entries as **HP** and **HPP** having dimensions: $\{2m+1, 2m+1\}$ and obtaining a 2-D contour plot therefor;

(e) repeating (c) through (d) until the 2-D contour plot of **HPP** overlaps the 2-D countour plot of **LPP**;

(f) generating a 2-D filter **ONE** having the dimensions of that of **HPP** with the only non-zero entry of value 1 located at the center of **ONE**;

(g) creating matrix **HPPinv** by subtracting **HPP** from **ONE**;

(h) convolving **LPP** with **HPPinv** to obtain **DSCRN** having dimensions: $\{2m+2n+1, 2m+2n+1\}$ and obtaining a 2-D contour plot therefor; and

(i) repeating (a) through (h) until, by an examination of the 2-D contour plot of **DSCRN**, an approximation to a desired circular symmetry is achieved.

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2.   A method as in **claim 1**, wherein the dimensions of filters *LPP* & *HPP* are such that the processing by a target media processor, Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW) processor, or Digital Signal Processor (DSP) is optimized.

3.   A method as in **claim 1**, wherein one would descreen not by using the non-separable filer *DSCRN* but by first applying the separable filter *LPP* and saving that result as, for example, video_1.

4.   A method as in **claim 3**, further comprising applying the *HPP* filter to video_1 and saving that output as, for example, video_2.

5.   A method as in **claim 4**, further comprising subtracting video_2 from video_1 to yield descreened output.

6.   A method as in **claim 5**, wherein *DSCRN* is applied to image data to determine whether the generated result accomplished an intended result.